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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/554,835

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Examiner

Sandra Saucier

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 25 USPQ2d 1073, 1074 (BPAI, 1993).

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 2 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 2 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1 Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2 Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3 Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6, 8

20) Other

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim 2 is pending and considered on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112
INDEFINITE

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It appears that the phrase "mediated by pathogenic fungi" modifies mammal. Please insert this phrase after "diarrhea".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action: A person shall be entitled to a patent unless (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent, (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States, (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Hockertz [AT] or Lodinova-Zadnikova et al. [AR] or under 35 U.S.C. 102 (a) as being clearly anticipated by DE 196 37 936 [AL].

The claims are directed to preventing or treating diarrhea mediated by pathogenic fungi in a mammal comprising administering *E. coli* DSM 6601.

This is a one step method.

The references are relied upon as explained below.

Hockertz disclose a one step administration of DSM 6601 (Nissle 1917) to mice infected with *Candida albicans*.

Lodinova-Zadnikova et al. disclose a one step administration of DSM

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6601 to humans. This administration would inherently prevent fungi mediated diarrhea.

DE 196 37 936 teaches the administration of DSM 6601 and nystatin to treat intestinal *Candida* infection (p. 12 of translation).

To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1651. The supervisor for 1651 is M. Wityshyn, (703) 308-4743.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sandra Saucier whose telephone number is (703) 308-1084. Status inquiries must be directed to the Customer Service Desk at (703) 308-0197. The number of the Fax Center for the faxing of papers is (703) 308-3014.



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